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Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment to the present continuation application, filed concurrently herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-27.

Please amend claim 28 as follows:

28. A method for inserting a stent which comprises:  
(a) engaging a [wire] stent, having a longitudinal length, around a [folded] balloon catheter[, said wire stent comprising alternating clockwise and counterclockwise single coil wire helical sections, adjacent ones of said helical sections being joined at a cusp];

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